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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2005, the Applicants respond to the Restriction Requirement by electing the invention of Group II, claims 2-11 and 14.

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